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on it!



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He Mailed Coupon
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He Mailed Coupon

90 lb.
Skeleton

He says,
I gained
70 lbs.
of
mighty
muscle

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"ALL
FREE"
coupon
get this
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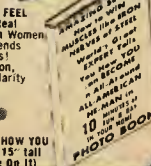
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ALL 5
FREE



1

2

3

4

5

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PROUD
to be
seen
with
Jim
NOW!
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body
adores
his build," says Nellie.
"Jim can lift the front
of a 2700 lb. car.
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ATHLETE
in **ALL**
SPORTS
Soon
after
YOU
mail
Coupon.

Jim is a **WINNER**
in **ALL SPORTS NOW**
YOU will be, too, soon

COME ON, PAL, NOW YOU give me
10 PLEASANT MINUTES A DAY
in **YOUR OWN HOME** like Jim did
and I'll give **YOU A NEW HE-MAN BOOY**
for your **OLD SKELETON FRAME**

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I LAUGHED AT TIM TOO AT FIRST -- BUT WHEN I CAME TO KNOW HIM, THE LAUGH CHANGED TO A SIGH AND I FOUND MY HEART BURSTING WITH ...

LOVE FOR A STRANGER



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I WATCHED HIM OUT THERE DAY AFTER DAY -- GIVING HANDOUTS TO TRAMPS, HELPING EVERYONE WHO CAME HIS WAY...



IS THE CREEP AT IT AGAIN?

HE'S ~~NOT~~ A CREEP, WHAT-
EVER THAT MEANS. HE'S
VERY NICE!



I SAY HE'S A CREEP! COME
HERE, HONEY -- I'VE
HAD MY EYE ON
YOU FOR A LONG
TIME!

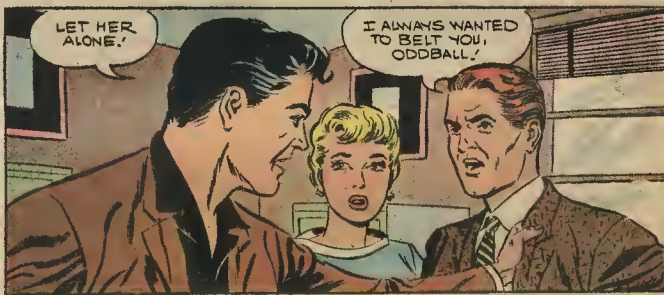
DON'T
YOU
DARE
TOUCH
ME!



I SUPPOSE
HE WAS
ONLY
FOOLING,
BUT I WAS
TERRIFIED!
WHETHER,
IT WAS
A JOKE
OR NOT,
I'LL NEVER
KNOW
BECAUSE
IT WAS
INTER-
RUPTED...

LET HER
ALONE!

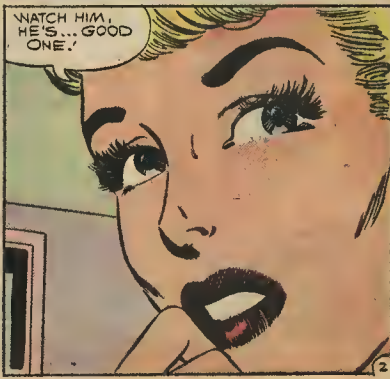
I ALWAYS WANTED
TO BELT YOU,
ODDBALL!



OH, NO!
OOOHH!



WATCH HIM,
HE'S... GOOD
ONE!

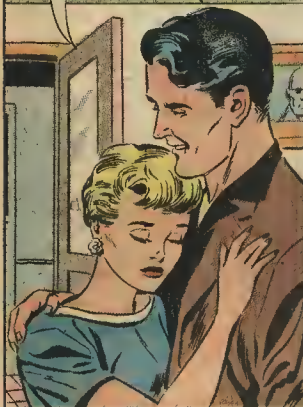


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TIM DIDN'T HURT HARDEN TOO MUCH BUT HE CHASED HIM! AND, ONCE IT WAS OVER, I ACTED LIKE A SILLY FOOL...

I WAS SO FRIGHTENED!

EASY, GIRL! HE WON'T BOTHER YOU AGAIN!



I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU!

THAT'S SILLY... I'M A STRANGER TO YOU!

I GUESS I'D BETTER HUNT FOR A NEW JOB! I LIKED IT HERE!

I LIKED YOUR BEING HERE, MISS HILL! I USED TO WATCH YOU UP HERE EVERY DAY! I'VE GOT YOUR COAT, LET'S GO!



I FOLLOWED HIM DOWN THE STAIRS AND INTO HIS SHOP. I WAS AMAZED AT HOW NICE IT WAS...

OH, THIS IS LOVELY, TIM! WHAT'S YOUR LAST NAME? I'VE BEEN RUDE CALLING YOU TIM!

I LIKE IT, BARBARA! MY LAST NAME IS RIGGS, IN CASE YOU'RE INTERESTED!



INTERESTED? I WAS TRYING THE NAME IN MY MIND... BARBARA RIGGS! THEN, BLUSHING, I FORCED MYSELF TO LISTEN TO HIS WORDS...

I'VE GOT A POT OF COFFEE JUST MADE, BARBARA! WILL YOU JOIN ME?



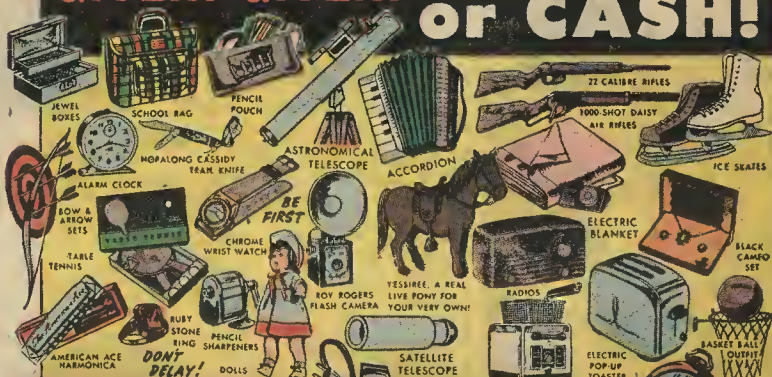
I NEVER NOTICED MANY PEOPLE ENTERING YOUR SHOP, TIM! DOES IT PAY?

VERY WELL, BARBARA! DESPITE MY INEPT, FUMBLING ACTIONS, I SELL QUITE A FEW PAINTINGS AND COLLECTORS' ANTIQUES! IT PAYS VERY WELL!



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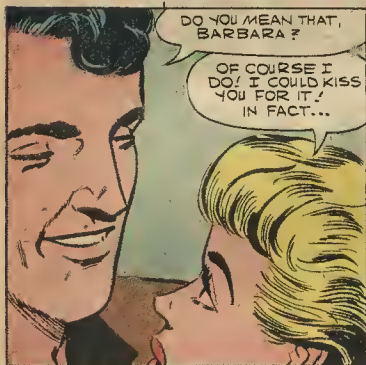
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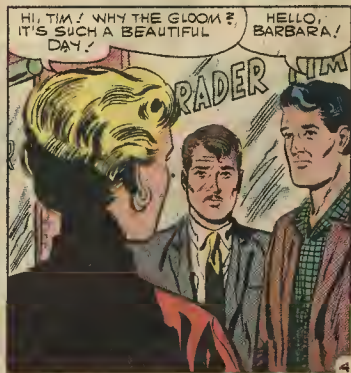
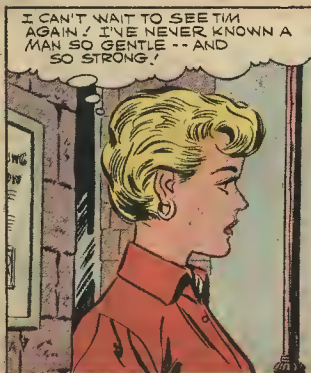
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WE
DISCOVER-
ED THAT
WE
HAD A
LOT IN
COMMON...
THE
MOST
IMPORTANT
BEING
A
MUTUAL
ATTRACTION...



I GOT
OUT OF
THERE
BEFORE
I MADE
MORE
OF A
FOOL OF
MYSELF!
I FOUND
A JOB
TWO
DAYS
LATER--
A BLOCK
FROM
TIM'S
SHOP...



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TIM LOOKED SO DEPRESSED AND THE MAN WITH HIM LOOKED DESPERATE ...

BARBARA HILL, THIS IS LEW MONBRY. HE'S A PAINTER--A VERY GOOD ONE. HE NEEDS HELP AND I'M NOT ABLE TO GIVE IT TO HIM AT THIS TIME!

WHAT KIND OF HELP? IF YOU'LL LET ME, PERHAPS I CAN BE OF SOME HELP!



I HAVE FIFTY-EIGHT DOLLARS HERE. WOULD FIFTY SOLVE YOUR PROBLEM? IF YOU'RE A FRIEND OF TIM'S, I KNOW YOU'LL RE-PAY ME!

NO, I COULDN'T... TAKE THE MONEY, LEW!



HE'S GOT REAL TALENT--HE'LL BUY PAINT AND CANVAS WITH THAT, BARBARA! IN A MONTH, HIS ONE MAN SHOW WILL MAKE HIM RICH! IF YOU HADN'T COME ALONG, HE'D HAVE QUIT PAINTING!

I'M GLAD-- I HOPE HE FINDS WHAT HE WANTS IN LIFE!



YOU LOOK SAD, BARBARA! IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT THE MONEY, DON'T! I'LL RE-PAY YOU AT EIGHT O'CLOCK TONIGHT!

I WASN'T THINKING OF THAT-- BUT NOW DO YOU PROPOSE TO RE-PAY ME?



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I WAS TRYING TO HUM, WHISTLE, AND SING ALL AT THE SAME TIME AS I DRESSED...

WHO IS HE, BARBIE? DO I KNOW HIM?

NO--HE'S A STRANGER, REALLY, EVEN TO ME! BUT HE'S NICE, MOTHER!



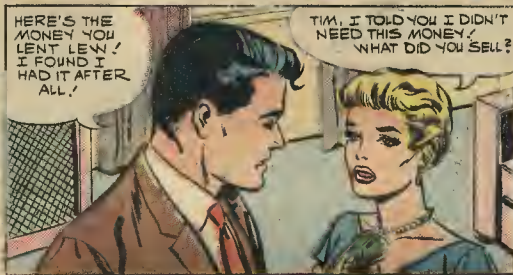
HELLO, BARBARA! THIS IS STRANGE FOR ME--I HAVEN'T CALLED FOR A GIRL AT HER HOME IN A LONG TIME!



COME IN AND RELAX, TIM! MOM, THIS IS TIM RIGGS!

HERE'S THE MONEY YOU LENT LIZ! I FOUND IT, HAD IT AFTER ALL!

TIM, I TOLD YOU I DIDN'T NEED THIS MONEY! WHAT DID YOU SELL?



THOSE PAINTINGS AND A FEW OTHER THINGS!

YOU HAD NO RIGHT! THOSE PAINTINGS WILL BE WORTH MUCH MORE SOON, YOU SAID SO YOURSELF! YOU TREAT ME LIKE A STRANGER, TIM!



WE'RE NOT SUCH OLD FRIENDS, BARBARA! I COULDN'T LET YOU PAY FOR MY FOLLY!

YOU COULD IF YOU... STOP ME BEFORE I SAY SOMETHING SILLY, DARLING!



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EXCEPT FOR THAT BRIEF KISS, TIM AND I KEPT OUR DISTANCE IN THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOWED. I WAS SO MUCH IN LOVE THAT IT FRIGHTENED ME...



END

IS LOVE ENOUGH?

IT'S STRANGE SOMETIMES, WHEN YOU LOOK BACK ON LIFE HOW LITTLE THINGS CAN MEAN SO MUCH! THIS IS THE STORY OF MY MARRIAGE TO JIM AND OF THE LITTLE THING THAT MEANT SO MUCH!

YOU'VE WON THE LITTLE LEPRECHAUN FOR THE LITTLE LADY!

OH, JIM, HE'S PRECIOUS!



WHEN I WAS WITH JIM ALL WAS RIGHT WITH THE WORLD!

IT LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE I ONCE KNEW, BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER WHO!

HE'S ADORABLE! I'M GOING TO CALL HIM MR. LEPPY!

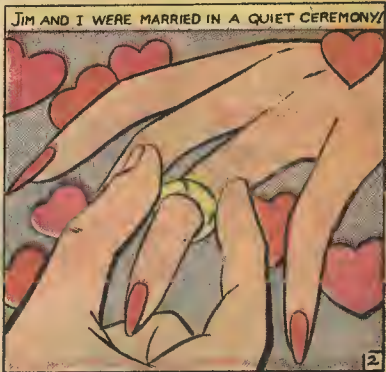
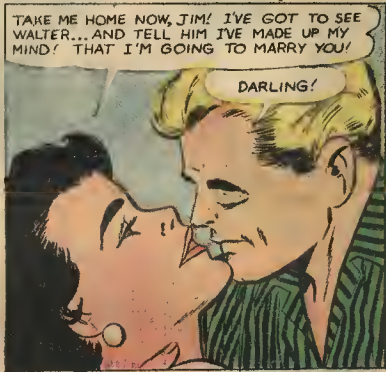
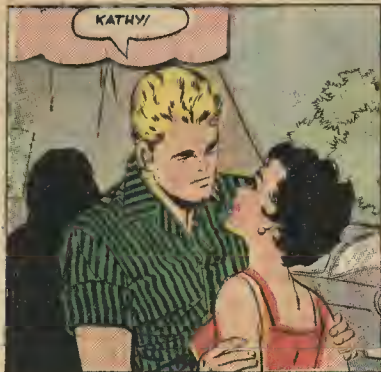


BUT, JIM, IT'S TIME WE WERE HEADING FOR HOME!

WHATEVER YOU WISH, MY PRINCESS! THE CHARIOT AWAITS... IN THE PARKING LOT!



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AND OUR MARRIED LIFE TOGETHER BEGAN!

HE'S US, JIM... YOU
AND I AND OUR
LOVE!

IT'S GOING TO
BE A WONDERFUL
LIFE, DARLING!



SEVERAL WEEKS PASSED BEFORE JIM
FOUND ANOTHER JOB!

JIM, I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'LL DO! YOUR NEW
JOB DOESN'T PAY NEARLY AS MUCH AS THE
OLD ONE! WON'T YOU LET ME TAKE A JOB
UNTIL WE'RE ON OUR FEET?

NO,
KATHY!



BUT JIM DIDN'T EARN ENOUGH MONEY AND EACH
WEEK WE SEEMED TO GET DEEPER AND DEEPER
INTO DEBT!

JIM, WE CAN'T
KEEP ON THIS
WAY!

I'M DOING THE BEST I CAN!
WHY DO YOU KEEP HOUNDING
ME? I CAN'T DO ANYMORE
THAN I AM!



AND THEN, A FEW MONTHS LATER SOMETHING
HAPPENED THAT AFFECTED OUR WHOLE LIVES!

DARLING, WHY ARE
HOME FROM WORK
SO EARLY?

I'VE BEEN FIRED,
KATHY! IT SEEMS
THERE'S A BUSINESS
RECESSION! BUT DON'T
WORRY, I'LL FIND
ANOTHER JOB
QUICKLY!



WE'LL GET BY, KATHY! SOMEHOW WE'LL GET BY!
YOU KNOW I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF
YOUR GOING TO WORK!



BUT LOOK, JIM! EVERYONE
IS HOUNDING US FOR
MONEY! IT... IT'S DRIVING
ME FRANTIC!

AND YOU'RE DRIVING
ME FRANTIC! DO
YOU THINK I DON'T
KNOW I'M A
FAILURE?



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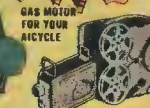
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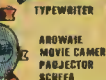
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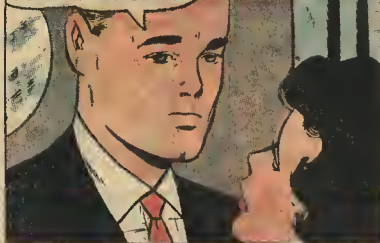
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DEEP IN A HEART FILLED WITH DESPAIR I KNEW WHAT JIM SAID WAS TRUE!

IT SEEMS THAT LOVE ISN'T ENOUGH! THERE ARE OTHER THINGS THAT TWO PEOPLE MUST HAVE TO MAKE MARRIAGE WORK! I'VE FAILED YOU! GO BACK TO YOUR MOTHER AND I'LL TRY TO FIND THE SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM!



I WANTED TO ARGUE, TO TELL HIM HE WAS WRONG, BUT I COULDN'T FIND THE WORDS!

I... I DDN'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY!

IT'S THE BEST WAY, KATHY! WE'LL SAY BITTER THINGS THAT WILL LEAVE SCARS AND IT WILL NEVER BE THE SAME BETWEEN US AGAIN!

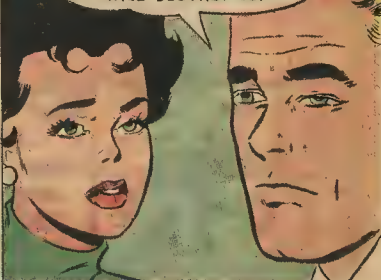


MR LEPPY FELL OFF THE MANTLE! HE SHOULD'VE BEEN BROKEN COMPLETELY BUT ALL HE HAS IS A SMALL CRACK IN HIS SIDE!

WE CAN MEND THAT AS GOOD AS NEW! IT'S AN OMEN, JIM! DON'T YOU SEE, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS WE CAN MEND IT! WE'LL WIN OUT! YOU'LL GET A BETTER JOB! NOTHING CAN DESTROY OUR LOVE!



AND, IF, AFTER YOU THINK IT OVER, YOU THINK YOU'VE MADE A MISTAKE IN MARRYING ME, I'LL GO ALONG WITH WHATEVER YOU WANT TO DO! BUT TO GO ON THIS WAY IS NO GOOD, KATHY, IT WILL DESTROY US!



AND SUDDENLY I KNEW THAT IF WE PARTED NOW THERE WOULD BE A BREACH THAT WOULD NEVER BE HEALED! WHAT SHOULD WE DO? WHERE WAS THE SOLUTION TO OUR PROBLEM?

WHAT WAS THAT?

SOMETHING FELL!



NO, NOTHING COULD OR EVER WOULD, AND SUDDENLY WE KNEW THAT NOW! WE'D WON OUR FIRST BATTLE AGAINST THE TIDES THAT FLOW AGAINST THE SEA OF MATRIMONY, AND FROM NOW ON WE WOULD NEVER BE AFRAID AGAIN!

IF YOU WANT, YOU MAY GO TO WORK, KATHY! BUT JUST UNTIL I FIND A BETTER JOB!



END

THE MISSING GROOM

"It had to happen to me," is something that has been repeated thousands and thousands of times by people during the year. There is in this short statement a certain amount of sadness and tragedy. Generally, it is accompanied by a lot of sighs and often with many tears. "It had to happen to me," is the story of one day in my life. But that day will never be forgotten even though the heartbreaks connected with it have long since vanished.

When I was about seven years of age, my mother tried to explain something to me. I had been a very good girl that week and now I knew I was going to be rewarded.

"You will be a flower girl at Aunt Helen's wedding," she told me. Perhaps I should have been very happy and thrilled. But I was scared. What was a flower girl? So mother went into detail and finally did convince me of how important a person I was going to be.

Aunt Helen was very good to me. I can still remember the days she would take me to the big city park, and the heaping plate of ice cream I always got when we went into the refreshment place. And now Aunt Helen was going to get married. I was going to be the flower girl.

The date was June 16th. I was so excited when mother bought me that beautiful dress. Then came the rehearsal which was something to be remembered. Finally came the big event itself. Everyone was there — almost everyone, but the wedding never took place. Why? The groom didn't show up!

Everything seemed so mixed up in the reception hall. There was a lot of excitement. Aunt Helen fainted and I cried and cried. But the groom never showed up. Why? To this day I do not know the reason. No doubt there were many for such a terrible thing to happen. Guess-

ing, in my opinion, would have been futile and useless.

Aunt Helen never got over the shock of it. Of course people did talk about it behind her back. She became a social worker with an orphan asylum. And in the passing years the name of Helen Stern could often be found in the newspapers. A lot of praise for the good work she was doing.

As I became older, I could understand better how terribly hurt my Aunt Helen had been. With this as a background, you can see why inside of me there have been this fear: "I never want it to happen to me." Of one thing, you and I can be certain: If a man loves the girl he is to marry, he will never turn into the missing groom.

Hence with that thought in mind, I wanted to be certain that the man I met, the man with whom I was going to keep company, and eventually marry, would be a man who deeply loved me. And in turn, I too should feel the same amount of love for him. Perhaps it was for that reason I didn't rush into marriage at the time most of my girl friends did. They married between the 18 and 20 year span. I wanted to be a bit more mature.

I was twenty-three when I met Hamilton Patterson. He had graduated from a leading law school — and had a job as an assistant district attorney with a bright future ahead. He had been an orphan and was raised in the Delmont Orphan Asylum — the very place with which my Aunt Helen had been connected. It gave me the opportunity to meet Aunt Helen again. She was full of praise for Hamilton.

"The perfect man for you, Thelma," she would say. "I have learned to become a good judge of human nature — something you must learn to do in my work."

We kept company for almost a year. The night he proposed was one I will never forget. We had come back from a picnic in the state park. He had a flat and I insisted on helping him as he changed tires. My hands were soiled and there was some dirt on my face. He took out his handkerchief and started to clean my face.

The next thing I knew I was in his arms and we were kissing each other. He came right to the point with a definiteness in his voice.

"I won't take no for an answer. So you will be my wife."

The date was set for a June wedding. And there was a lot of excitement in the family. Gertrude Bremen, a close friend of the family came to me.

"Of course you must have a little flower girl at the wedding. Please let my Jeannette be the flower girl. Ever since Alice was a flower girl at Marsha's wedding, that's all I have been hearing."

I gave my consent and only later did I have that strange feeling. Because it brought back the memory of when I was a little flower girl. Could it happen again? And to me? I shuddered at the thought. No, it couldn't happen because I knew that Hamilton was deeply in love with me. So I did my best to banish the thought.

The day of the wedding came. We were having an afternoon wedding in the Treler Mansion. The best caterers in town were hired. Aunt Helen insisted that she foot the entire bill and mother eventually gave her consent.

"Let her have the kind of wedding I didn't have," was the way she phrased it.

Hamilton lived in a small two-room apartment by himself. He came over to our home. He was getting ready for the wedding when his collar button broke.

"Take me two minutes to get another one, darling," he remarked as he kissed me. "Right down at the drug store across the street. Jim has collar buttons."

You could figure that two minutes as ten. But half an hour passed and no groom. Then an hour passed. What had happened? We contacted the druggist.

"Mr. Patterson was here and bought that collar button. Told me he was the luckiest man in the world. He went right back to your place."

Two hours passed. Then three. Mr. Loyd Gariston, the district attorney, was a guest. So he went into action.

"It may be foul play. He insisted working on the Southside case. I'll have the police at once."

But when I saw Aunt Helen look at me, I just lost control of myself. "It had to happen to me," they tell me I repeated over and over.

They searched the neighborhood but couldn't find him. They went to his apartment. Everything was in good order. Six hours passed and the guests began to go home. The wedding was called off. Then my Aunt Helen took hold of me.

"He loves you," she said. "I know it and you know it. So he wouldn't do a thing like this. I'm going to find him for you if it is the last thing I do in this world."

She went out of the house just as three men from the D.A.'s office came in. They hadn't been able to find a single clue as to the whereabouts of the missing groom. I was seated in a big chair at the window. Just looking at traffic in the street. Just looking at every man passing by with one unexpressed hope:

"My Hamilton."

And then came the news! They had found him! To be exact, it was my Aunt Helen who had found him. Just now he was at the Mercy Hospital. A police car took me there. Hamilton was in bed with a lot of bandages on his hands and face.

"What happened?" I wanted to know.

He took me in his arms and we kissed and then I learned the strange story from the lips of Aunt Helen who had found him. Hamilton had started to cross the street when a little girl who was crying came up to him.

"My doggie is caught," she pleaded. "Help me save him."

Seemed the little dog had run down a basement over a wooden plank and was wedged in between the plank and the side wall. So Hamilton bent down to rescue the puppy. He lifted the dog up — and he himself went down and was trapped underneath the wall and the plank. The little girl was terribly scared. She went home but was so frightened that she didn't say a word. When her parents came home they found her crying. She didn't eat supper and finally they got something out of her about "My doggie got hurt. A man is lost."

They went down with the girl and met my Aunt Helen. She finally explained things clearly to her and that was how they came to rescue Hamilton. He couldn't even shout for help because he couldn't open his mouth!

We were married three weeks later. Both the owners of the hall and the caterers insisted they would go through again without any further payment. We went to Bermuda for our honeymoon. And I can state that I certainly have been a very happy wife married to the finest man a girl could ever want.

But I never will be able to wipe out that terrible event when I was a bride waiting for a groom — who was missing!

"SNAP JUDGMENT"

TOM AND I MOVED INTO A NEW HOUSE HE BOUGHT JUST BEFORE OUR WEDDING... AND IT WAS HEAVEN TO BE MRS. THOMAS COOPER!



BRIDES IN LOVE

(SNIFF SNIFF!)
PERFUMED...
NOT MINE...

I WONDER IF THIS
SHOULD BE A
SECRET FROM ME...

LOVE LETTERS TO TOM
FROM A GIRL NAMED
BUNNY!

WHY DOES HE
SAVE THESE...
UNLESS...

UNLESS...HE
WANTS TO
REMEMBER
HER!

AND HERE ARE
LETTERS FROM
TOM TO HER...

Tom Cooper
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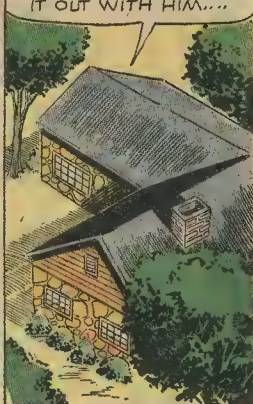
HE SPEAKS OF HIS UN-
DYING LOVE FOR HER...



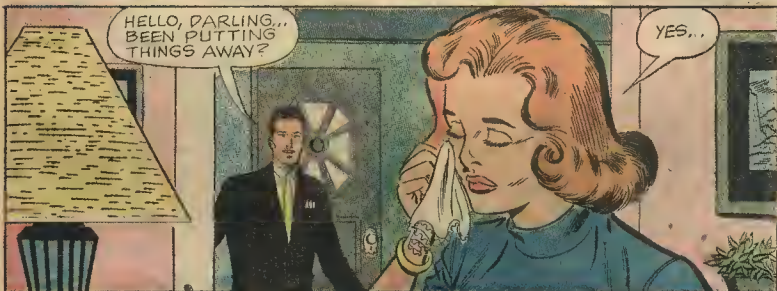
IF HE STILL LOVES
HER...WHY...WHY...



HE'LL BE HOME SOON...
I'LL JUST HAVE TO HAVE
IT OUT WITH HIM...



HELLO, DARLING...
BEEN PUTTING
THINGS AWAY?



YES...

I WANTED TO SHOW YOU
SOMETHING I'VE BEEN
SAVING! LETTERS FROM
MY FATHER AND
MOTHER... SHE
GAVE THEM TO ME
BEFORE SHE
PASSED AWAY...



I READ THEM,
DARLING... AND
I THINK THEY'RE
WONDERFUL...



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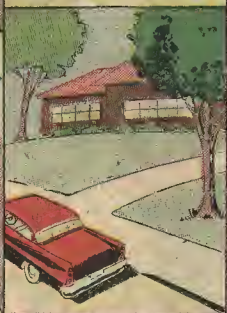
ALL THE GIRLS SAID HARVEY BRADSHAW WAS A GREAT CATCH AND THAT I WAS A LUCKY GIRL. I COULDN'T HELP BUT AGREE WITH THEM ...

GOOD LUCK, HARVEY
AND FAY!

OUR HONEYMOON TO BERMUDA WAS
ALL THAT COULD BE DREAMED
ABOUT ...



AND A BRAND NEW LITTLE
HOME AWAITED US WHEN
WE CAME BACK ...



NICHOLAS
AND
TRAPANZ

BRIDES IN LOVE



BRIDES IN LOVE

HARRY'S
OFFICE
HAD A
PARTY
AND I
WAS
INVITED...
THE
GIRLS
WHO
WORKED
THERE
STARED
AT ME!
AGAIN
THAT
FEELING
OF
INADEQUACY
SWEEP
OVER ME...



THEN I OVERHEARD TWO EXECUTIVES TALKING...

HE SURE HOOKED
ONTO A LEMON!



DID THEY MEAN ME?
I WASN'T FIT TO BE
HIS WIFE? THAT'S
HOW THEY FEEL
ABOUT ME!



WHAT'S THE
MATTER,
FAY?

I...I HAVE A
HEADACHE...
I'D LIKE
TO GO HOME!



THAT NIGHT...

I SIMPLY WASN'T
UP TO HIS STANDARD...
I HAVE TO
LEAVE HIM,
MAYBE...



BRIDES IN LOVE



I CRIED MYSELF TO SLEEP...



AND MY DREAMS: NIGHTMARES!



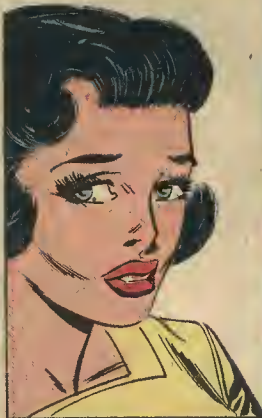
BRIDES IN LOVE

THE NEXT MORNING, I FELT NO BETTER ...

I MUST END THIS MARRIAGE! I'LL GO BACK TO MOTHER... AND MY OLD JOB...



BUT THEN, THANK HEAVENS, I REALIZED I HAD NO SHRED OF PROOF THAT ANYTHING WAS AMISS! I THOUGHT CLEARLY FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE OUR MARRIAGE...



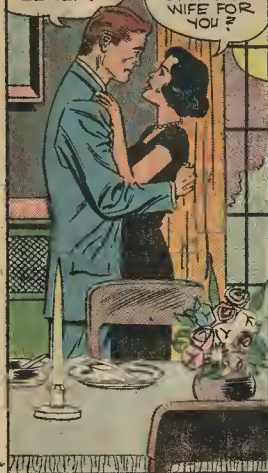
I PREPARED THE FINEST MEAL I COULD FOR HARVEY, IN A HOUSE THAT WAS SPIC AND SPAN ...



AND THAT EVENING ...

OH, THAT'S WONDERFUL, FAY... I DON'T KNOW WHETHER I LOVE YOU OR THE DINNER BETTER.

THEN YOU DO LOVE ME! DO YOU THINK I'M A FIT WIFE FOR YOU?



OF COURSE, I LOVE YOU, FAY! OTHERWISE I WOULD NEVER HAVE MARRIED YOU!



I HAD BEEN AN UTTER FOOL FOR WORRYING! IN FACT, HARVEY LATER CONFESSED TO ME THAT HE WONDERED IF HE WAS A FIT HUSBAND FOR ME!

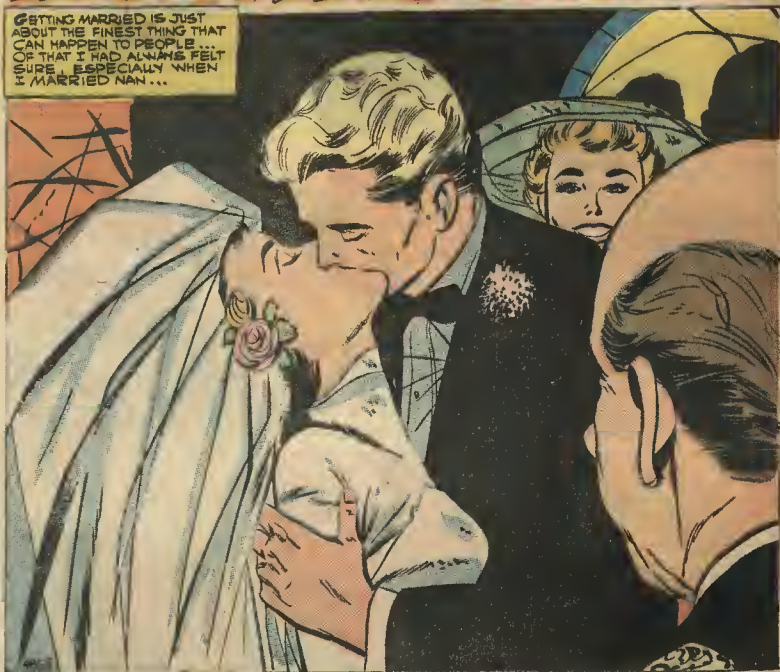


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BRIDES IN LOVE

HER FRIEND DANNY

GETTING MARRIED IS JUST ABOUT THE FINEST THING THAT CAN HAPPEN TO PEOPLE... OF THAT I HAD ALWAYS FELT SURE, ESPECIALLY WHEN I MARRIED NAN...



WE SETTLED DOWN IN A NICE LITTLE HOME...



BUT THEN THERE WAS HER FRIEND DANNY...

HI! CAN'T RESIST SEEING HOW MY NAN IS DOING AS A MARRIED WOMAN...

WE'RE DOIN' JUST FINE, DANNY!



BRIDES IN LOVE

BUT DANNY CAME AROUND JUST A LITTLE TOO OFTEN, I THOUGHT...



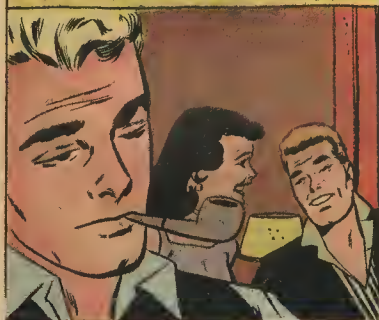
JUST DROPPED IN TO SAY HELLO.

WHY DON'T YOU GET MARRIED, DANNY?

NOW, JACK! YOU MARRIED MY BEST GIRL.



DANNY HAD KNOWN NAN FOR MANY YEARS BEFORE I MET HER -- NAN SAID THERE WAS NEVER ANY REAL LOVE BETWEEN THEM...



BUT SOMEHOW I WONDERED IF HE DIDN'T HAVE SERIOUS INTENTIONS ABOUT HER...

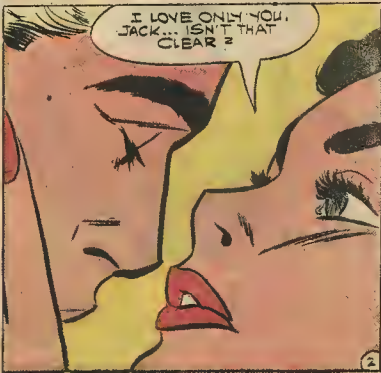


LATER, I ASKED NAN...

DON'T BE SILLY, JACK... DANNY IS JUST A FRIEND. MORE LIKE A BROTHER TO ME THAN ANYTHING ELSE.



I LOVE ONLY YOU, JACK... ISN'T THAT CLEAR?



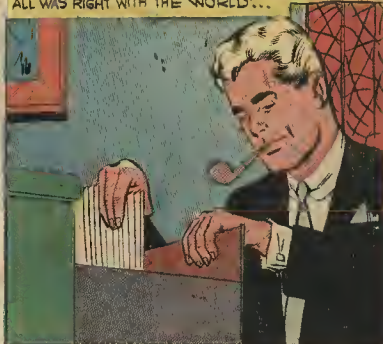
BRIDES IN LOVE

I FELT REASSURED... I HAD NO QUALMS NOW...

HAVE A GOOD DAY AT THE OFFICE, DEAR!



I WAS HAPPY IN MY JOB AND MY MARRIAGE SO ALL WAS RIGHT WITH THE WORLD...



I FINISHED WORK EARLY THAT DAY AND I BOUGHT SOME FLOWERS FOR NAN...

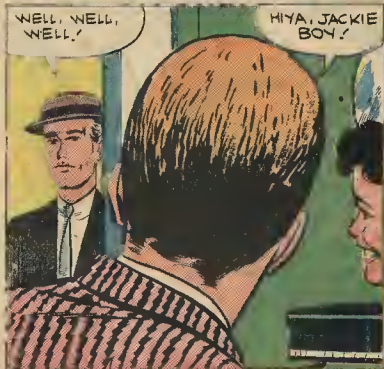


DAN'S CAR! HE'S VISITING HER AGAIN!



WELL, WELL, WELL!

HIYA, JACKIE BOY!



DID I SURPRISE YOU TWO?

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BRIDES IN LOVE

AFTER DANNY LEFT, I LET OFF SOME STEAM...

DOESN'T THAT GUY
EVER STAY HOME?

DON'T TALK LIKE
THAT, DEAR! DANNY
HAD SOMETHING
IMPORTANT TO
DISCUSS WITH ME...



I'M GETTING SICK AND TIRED
OF HIM HANGING AROUND
ALL THE TIME. NAN!

OH, FOR GOOD-
NESS SAKE!
DANNY ISN'T
AROUND
ALL THE
TIME!



IF YOU LIKE HIM SO MUCH
WHY DIDN'T YOU
MARRY HIM?

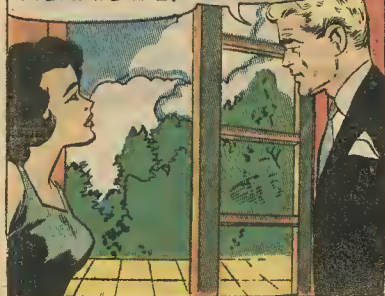
MAYBE I SHOULD
HAVE!



WE HAD OUR FIRST GUARREL AND ABOUT A
GUY WHO I DIDN'T HAVE A REAL CASE AGAINST.



I SHOULD THINK BOTH YOU AND HE SHOULD
RESPECT MY FEELINGS...HE OUGHT TO
KNOW A HUSBAND DOESN'T LIKE TO
HAVE A MAN DROPPING IN ON HIS
WIFE ALL THE TIME!



WELL, I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU
MEAN... I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT
YOU'RE JEALOUS, DARLING!



BRIDES IN LOVE

SHE AGREED TO MINT TO DANNY NOT TO DROP IN SO MUCH, AND ESPECIALLY WITHOUT ME PRESENT...



THE NEXT AFTERNOON WHEN I RETURNED FROM WORK I SAW HIS CAR THERE ! I WAS MAD...



I'LL HAVE TO MAKE MYSELF CLEAR TO DANNY!



MEET DANNY'S FIANCEE! WE WERE TALKING ABOUT HER THE DAY THAT YOU CAME HOME EARLY... IT WAS TO BE A SURPRISE!

WH-WHAT?



I WAS GLAD THAT I DIDN'T GET THE CHANCE TO BLOW UP IN FRONT OF DANNY... AS THING'S TURNED OUT. I WAS BEST MAN AT HIS WEDDING...



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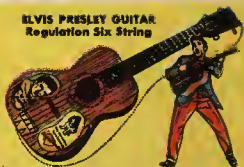
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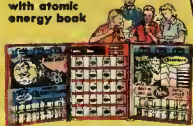


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